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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of the 1st, which xxxxx crossed in the mail with mine of the 5th.

Re your memo of 7/1 on FBI document 89-43-1295, the interview of Marina referring to "the September 17 [and/or 18?] matter." I can't be certain without seeing the document, of course, but this seems to refer to our old friend "D," who claimed to have seen Oswald at the Cuban consulate in Mexico on xxxxx one of those dates. (See p. 308 of the Warren Report.) The Schweiker Report went into some detail about the major flap D's allegations caused in the days after the assassination. I've seen quite a few relevant documents in the FBI and CIA releases; my recollection is that while the people in Mexico were working on D, eventually getting him to recant, x there was quite a lot of work on locating Oswald on 9/17-18 - at least until D recanted. Anything on the D story in the Marina interview xxx probably doesn't need to be withheld, but the fact that "the 9/17 matter" is being withheld seems to confirm that it is about D.

Yes, I would be pleased to see documents from your files, on a totally confidential basis if you want that. I can do the Xeroxing out here for myself, or for xxxxxx Howard, etc. Of course, I'll send you what notes I can put together.

In the field office files, anything from the few days after the assassination might be of the greatest interest.

I've still got requests pending at the FBI for various pre-assassination files. They seem to be working on them pretty slowly.

With best regards,

Paul

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